

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
November 12, 2006

Jean Larson, clerk

12 present

Query for eleventh month was read by Walter Morris.

Minutes of October were approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's Report.

Laura Winefordner paid several budgeted donations . There is \$14,421.45 in the general fund and \$22,564.69 in the mortgage fund. There is a need for more cash in the general fund which is used to pay regular budgeted expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

A report of the Loring-Fara wedding will be put on agenda for next month.

Open House

Connie gave a glowing report, including appreciation to the many who did so much to spread a feeling of " love radiating that day."

One suggestion arose from the parking problem. We would like a gate between Shir Shalom's and our property so cars can drive back and forth. This will be discussed with Sher Shalom.

Minute 35. The meeting approves the placement of a gate along our common border with Sher Shalom to access parking by both groups on special occasions. It will be placed if approved by Sher Shalom.

The series of discussion on landscaping design will continue on Dec 17 in the afternoon.

SEYM affiliation with FUM.

A deep discussion was held with Phoebe (representative from SEYM to FUM) and Neil Anderson on Nov 5. Jean Larson prepared a report on the meeting to give to Ministry and Nurture. They will review it, especially considering the queries from Phoebe and Neil Anderson.

NEW BUSINESS

SEYM new deadlines for gathering, April 4-8, 2007.

Scholarships are given through Ministry and Nurture. An announcement about the fees and the scholarship will be put In newsletter. Suggestion was made to consider a new person or older family who may have already been.

SEYM requests that we host the fall interim business meeting in Oct. 2007. We agreed. Plans for hospitality and other details will be brought up next month.

A Thanksgiving dinner is planned at 2pm. starting with a ½ hour meeting for worship or worshipful walk.

We need better seating in the outdoor meeting site. Natural materials are desirable but must be resistant to water washing over the area. We would also like to have a bench on the pad where the shed was, facing the beautiful tree.

The Christmas Party will be at 5pm on Dec 9 at Eleanor and Andy Merritt's. There is a sign-up sheet with food menu categories. A hayride and singing are also on the menu.

We approved the clerk's proposal that we move the January meeting for business to the 1st Sunday because the calendar is so crowded.

A Memorial Meeting for Lyn Fregly will be held Dec 21 at 3pm at the Meeting House. Lyn's family is arranging the food with Gene Beardsley's help. Gene will clerk the Meeting.

Tim Ray proposes the acquisition of LCD projector for the meeting. It would be used with a computer or DVD player to project onto a screen. Tim Ray and Walter Morris will research the cost and kind and make a recommendation to the fundraising committee to bring to the business meeting next month. The fundraising committee is checking to see if showing regular movies using a projector would be a good fundraiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry and Nurture Committee.

The committee reported their activities with the Loring/Fara wedding, the Pride Celebration, religious education, and their threshing of the section "Yearly Meeting" for the new SEYM Faith and Practice.

Meeting House Committee

The application requirement for anyone to use the meeting house was presented. The completion and approval of the proposed form will be required for activities not already scheduled and listed in the newsletter and on the bulletin board, This form is just for gatherings; it is not required for individual use. It is for this year and does not include rules and prices for outsiders since we are not yet open to outside groups. We will use this attached form until it is revised by the Meeting House committee and approved by the Business Meeting. The following Minute was approved.

Minute 06-11-36

Gainesville Friends Meeting approves the requirement that all groups and individuals requesting use of the Meeting House complete a "Request for Use of Meeting House" form, to be reviewed by the Meeting House Committee and approved by Meeting for Business prior to use of the Meeting House.

Fundraising committee

Walter Morris reported that members of the committee have spoken with potential donors resulting in 46 gifts being made to the Meeting. In addition to suggestions for raising money they discussed ideas to expand community building. They proposed to include the Meeting's neighbors in the Quaker Market dinners. The Quaker Market subcommittee consists of Sherry Sims, Cheryl Demers, and Jen Cotter, with Gene Beardsley as dinner registrar.

Hospitality committee

Mona Morris reported that the Open House went well, with lots of delicious food. The committee proposes a swinging half-door to block off view of the hallway out of the social room..

Amy and Arnold Von der Porten would like to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan 4. Mona will help with their plans.

Food and hospitality arrangements for the FGC Committee meeting here Jan 26-28 are planned. Everyone in the Meeting is expected to help since the committee is small and the job is large. Hosts will be given lists of possible breakfasts. Betty Odum will be the person to call if something is needed at the meeting house during their visit, since she lives nearby.

Bud Brennan informed us that we have a dish-sterilizer rather than a dishwasher. Dishes must be washed before they are loaded.

First-day School committee

Connie Ray thanks everyone who donated books for the "story bag" lessons and other donations. There is a sign-up sheet for potential teachers of the 4-7 year olds. They are already having experiences with nature, story books, and a solar-oven. The older students are learning about not hiding their lights under a bushel.

Connie is investigating whether earlier fingerprints may be able to be used for working with children at SEYM.

Peace and Social Concerns committee

Gene Beardsley reported activities, including the Pro-Nica presentation, film- watching at the Burtons, several lectures, and sessions of the Solutions to Violence series. Several will participate in the Crop Walk for Hunger on Dec. 3.

The meeting closed with silence.

The recording clerk has been admonished for making the Minutes too long. She has tried to condense them, but we have many great activities and people who want to tell us about them. Respectfully submitted, Betty Odum